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## **GUN POSSESSION EARNS LOCAL FELON 46 MONTHS IN PRISON**

**MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA** - Christopher Gilcrest, age 25, of Montgomery, Alabama, was sentenced in United States District Court in Montgomery to 46 months in federal prison for being a felon in possession of a firearm, U.S. Attorney Leura G. Canary announced today. Gilcrest was also sentenced to serve three years of supervised release under the supervision of a federal probation officer after his release from prison.

Gilcrest previously admitted to possessing a Cobra .380 semi-automatic pistol in Montgomery on March 3, 2008. On that date, Montgomery Police Department officers responded to a domestic violence call involving Gilcrest. While investigating the report, the police officers encountered Gilcrest who had the pistol in his possession. Gilcrest has prior felony convictions for Possession of Marijuana, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, and Breaking and Entering a Motor Vehicle. Because of his prior felony convictions, Gilcrest is prohibited under federal law from possessing a firearm.

The case was investigated as part of the Department of Justice's Project Safe Neighborhoods and the Middle District of Alabama's Alabama ICE (Isolating the Criminal Element) programs, aimed at preventing violent crime and the illegal possession of firearms. According to United States Attorney Leura G. Canary, "This case was the result of the quick response of Montgomery Police Department officers to a domestic violence call and finding a firearm in Gilcrest's possession. Because of the fine work of those responding officers, another

repeat offender is now off of our streets.”

This case was investigated through the joint efforts of the Montgomery Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U. S. Attorney Matthew Shepherd.